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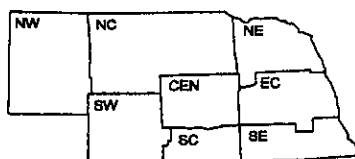
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the week ranged from three to five degrees above normal in the east, to two degrees above normal in the west. Precipitation across the State was light with amounts ranging from traces to sixty hundredths at Imperial.

## GENERAL

Limited rainfall last week did little to raise crop conditions or outlook but producers continued to prepare for spring planting, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Spring tillage operations and fertilizer applications, as well as equipment preparations, kept crop producers busy this past week. Other producer activities included branding and working calves, fixing pasture fences, and attending farm sales.

## CROPS

Winter Wheat crop rated 3% very poor, 8% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, 7% excellent. The crop continues to show improvement, but additional moisture will be needed in most areas. Winter kill has not been widely reported.

Oat planting progressed to 66% complete as of Sunday. Fields are beginning to show emergence, but dry topsoil conditions was slowing the process. Condition of the emerged stands are rated at 3% poor, 43% fair, 53% good, and 1% excellent.

## LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 12% very poor, 20% poor, 44% fair, 22% good, and 2% excellent. Calving was 78% complete to date, well ahead of 67% last year.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 2, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
PERCENT												
% Oats Sown	75	45	66	82	68	70	50	80	66	26	30	20
WINTER REPORTING AS OF MARCH 31, 2000												
% Cows Calved	83	80	62	85	77	81	81	75	78	66	67	n/a
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF MARCH 31, 2000												
Days Suitable	62	60	69	70	67	50	58	59	62	n/a	60	
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	0	42	42	41	3	0	6	3	16	22	8
	- Short	14	56	44	42	57	17	20	46	37	32	37
	- Adequate	86	2	14	17	40	83	74	49	47	45	53
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	0	20	62	17	62	2	6	54	35	30	2
	- Short	6	61	37	58	14	45	94	25	38	47	17
	- Adequate	94	15	1	23	24	53	0	21	27	22	78
	- Surplus	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

n/a = not available.

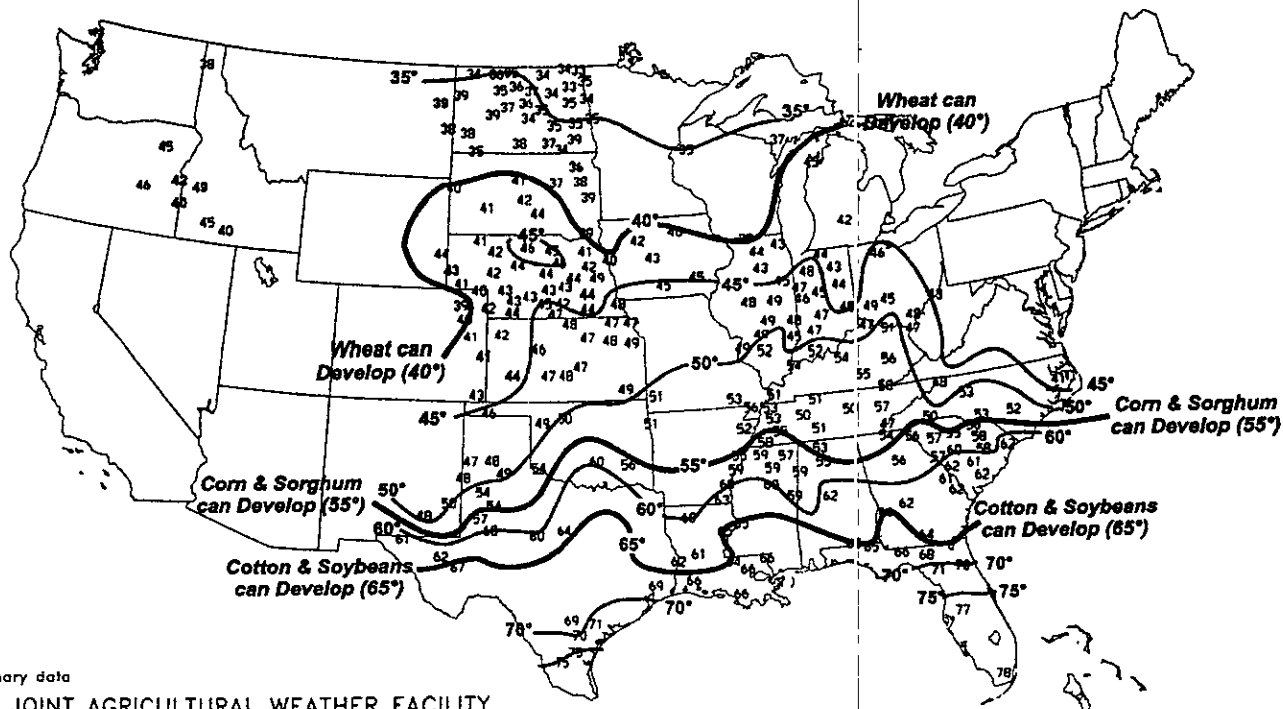
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# Average Soil Temperature (°F, 4" Bare)

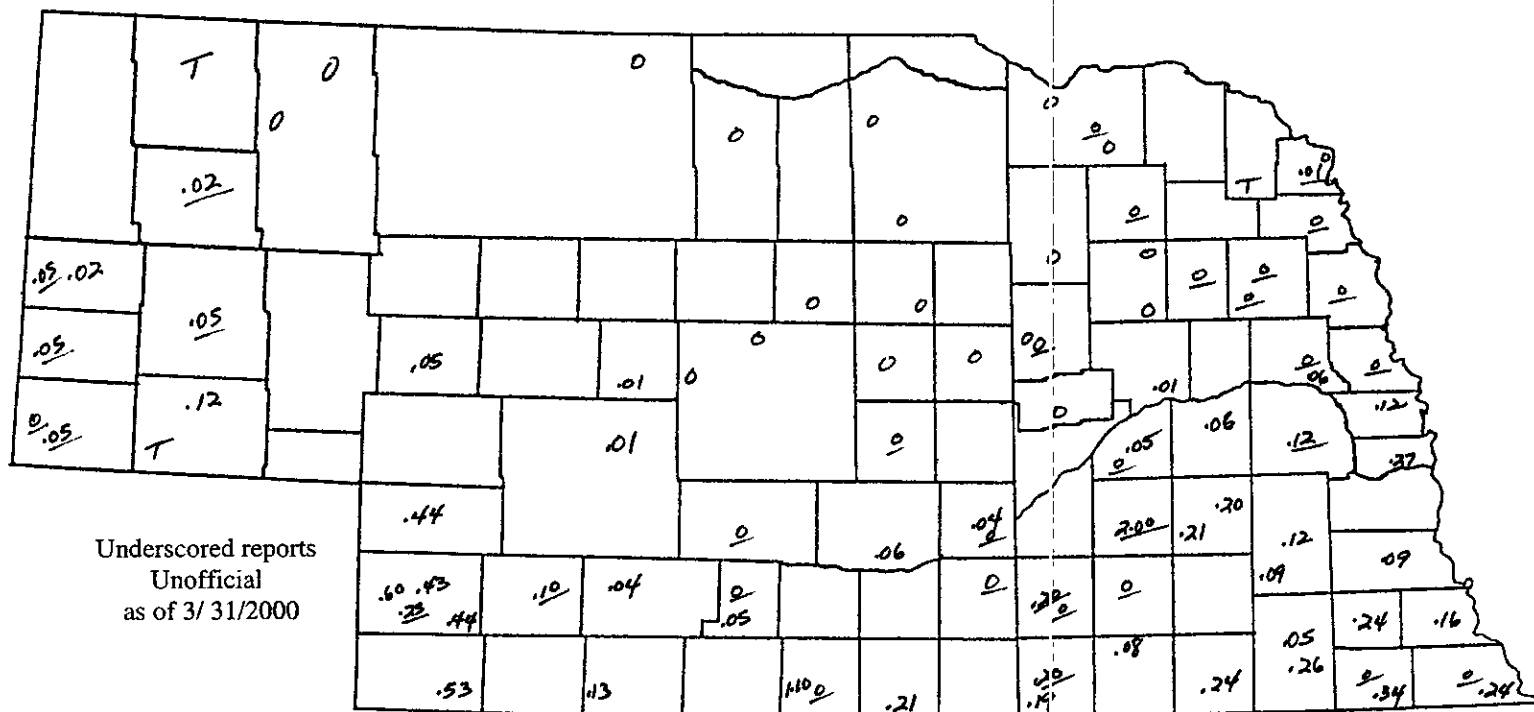
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## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2000



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2000

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2000						
Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	69	24	44	---	T
	Scottsbluff	70	23	42	+2	.02
	Sidney	69	23	40	---	T
NC	Valentine	65	13	41	+2	0
NE	Norfolk	66	20	47	+5	0
	Sioux City	68	21	46	+4	0
CEN	Grand Island	68	21	46	+3	.04
	Ord	67	18	44	---	0
EC	Lincoln	71	21	47	+3	.12
	Omaha	69	23	48	+4	.12
SW	Imperial	71	24	42	---	60
	North Platte	71	18	41	0	01